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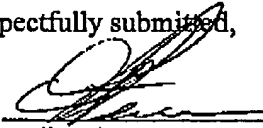
REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect between two groups of claims, group I as recited by claims 1-7, 9-16 and 18-20 and group II as recited in claims 8 and 17. The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, group I for prosecution. Accordingly, claims 8 and 17 have been withdrawn from consideration.

In addition, that Examiner has required that the Applicant elect from among 4 species to be prosecuted in the event that no generic claim is found allowable. The Applicant hereby elects Specie I, as discussed in Figures 2-6 and claimed in claims 1-12.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter further, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. SJO920040006US1).

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